

## Online Reference

***April 2012 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. Learn about the Titanic as you explore some online reference resources.***

Sources say that the *Titanic* had many indoor amenities such as a library, a Turkish bath, and a barbershop.

1. Use the **online dictionary** to define the word **amenities** and to explain its etymology.
  - a. Define:
  - b. Etymology:
2. Find a **Google definition** and see if the Google definition is different.
  - a. Google definition:

**William Howard Taft was the president of the United States the year the *Titanic* sank.**

3. Consult the **biographical dictionary** and write down one interesting fact about him.
  - a. Fact:
  - b. What important position did he have after he was president?

**The ship received electrical power from steam-driven electric generators, and *Titanic* had two auxiliary generators for emergency use.**

4. Use the **thesaurus** to find 2 synonyms for **auxiliary**.
  - a.
  - b.

**After leaving Southampton, England, the *Titanic* stopped at the city of Cherbourg.**

5. Use the **National Geographic Atlas Map Machine** to discover what country Cherbourg is in (you may have to zoom out on the map to find the answer)
6. The ***World Book Encyclopedia*** article on the *Titanic* contains a photograph of the ship. Access the photo, and read the caption to find out how many passengers died in the shipwreck and how many survived.
  - a. Died: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Survived: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

7. Look at the **Wikipedia article** on the *Titanic*. Check the External Links at the bottom of the article. Click on the *BBC Archive*. List an example of a primary source you find on the website.

**The *Titanic* also stopped at Queenstown (originally called Cobh) located in County Cork, Ireland.**

8. Look up Ireland in **Culturegrams**, access the political map, and circle on which side of Ireland (north, south, east or west) Cobh or Queenstown is located.
- a. North      b. South      c. East      d. West

**One of the famous *Titanic* survivors was Margaret “Molly” Brown, a socialite from Leadville, Colorado.**

9. Look up Leadville, Colorado, in the **Gazetteer** and see what the temperature is there today.

Temperature:

**Historians for the past 100 years have been fascinated by the shipwreck of the *Titanic*.**

10. Access the **Destiny online library catalog**. Type in “Titanic” and do a subject search.
- a. How many books come up on the subject search?
- b. Write down the names of two books that look interesting to you.

11. What else do you want to know about the *Titanic*?

12. Where do you think you could find the answers to your questions?

**Assessment:**

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